

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is being filed subsequent to the Request for Continued Examination filed on July 14, 2011. Claims 1, 4-7, 10-12, 25, 27-30 and 32-34 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 7 and 25 being the only independent claims. Claims 3, 9 and 26 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Patentability of the Claims

Independent Claim 1

Independent claim 1 has been amended to delete the reference to the “conduit” in order to clarify Applicant’s claimed subject matter. The figures in this application (in particular Fig. 2) inadvertently show the conduit 132, which is described with respect to the siphoning action, extending from the top portion of the removable cover 131 of the reservoir 130. While this may be an accurate representation with respect to the delivery of the diluted additive from the overflow port 136 to the annular space, in practice, for the siphoning action, a conduit would be coupled to the lower siphon fitting 135 to deliver the diluted additive to the annular space.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the upper siphon fitting is “integrated” into the removable reservoir cover. At least this feature is not taught or suggested by the combination of the previously applied references *Je* (KR 2003055965), *Huttemann* (GB 4043158) and *Olding* (US 3,118,297).

Je discloses a siphon cap 50 that is coupled to a siphon pipe 43. However, the siphon cap 50 is separate from the cover. In other words, it is not integrated with the

cover as is recited in Applicant's claim 1. None of *Huttemann* or *Olding* overcomes at least this deficiency.

Therefore, it is believed that amended claim 1 is now patentable over the applied references.

Independent Claims 7 and 25

Amended independent claims 7 and 25 recite limitations that are similar to those discussed above in connection with amended claim 1. Therefore, amended claims 7 and 25 are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above in connection with amended claim 1.

Dependent Claims 4-6, 10-12, 27-30 and 32-34

Dependent claims 4-6, 10-12, 27-30 and 32-34 are patentable for the same reasons that amended independent claim 1, 7 or 25 is patentable, as well as for the additional limitations recited therein.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

General Electric Company

By: Douglas D. Zhang
Douglas D. Zhang
Patent Attorney
Registration No.: 37,985

Dated: August 17, 2011

GE Global Patent Operation
2 Corporate Drive, Suite 648
Shelton, CT 06484
203-944-6755